

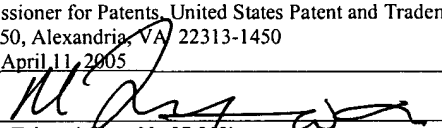
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2005, applicants amend the claims as listed in the **Claims** section beginning on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** are presented beginning on page 12 of this paper. Applicants' also submit a Request for Continued Examination with this paper.